

### **MINUTES**

#### VIRTUAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

### August 6, 2020

# Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The following Trustees were present: Debby Farreau, Lori Finch, Josie Cockrell, Scott Freas, Amy Snell-Johnson, Pam Thompson and Mayor Lisa Jones. A quorum was present.

# **Audience Participation**

Vanessa Guzman, 18149 E. Hinsdale Avenue, expressed dissatisfaction with code enforcement.

Allyson Zoellner, 16915 E. Costilla Avenue, noted motorists have been speeding and running stop signs on S. Buckley Road. She requested the Board look into dips or speed bumps.

Bryan Golding, 7170 S. Quintero Street, offered to help his neighbor pay for CO2 cartridges to eliminate prairie dogs.

# Consent Agenda

Mayor Jones moved, seconded by Trustee Snell-Johnson, to approve the following item on the Consent Agenda:

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The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

# **Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

None

# For Discussion

# **Prairie Dogs**

The following residents spoke against the proposed ordinance requiring complete eradication of all prairie dogs in Foxfield, noting they moved to Foxfield to live in harmony with the wildlife, are opposed to poisoning wildlife, total eradication is impossible and/or it should be up to each individual resident to take care of their own space:

Bill Barnett, 7171 S. Richfield Street
Allyson Zoellner, 16915 E. Costilla Avenue
Holly Gee, 18080 E. Easter Avenue
Matt Turner, 6724 S. Buckley Road
Tom Neuman, 7233 S. Richfield Street
Iris Hallin, 17417 E. Davies Avenue
Shadia Ahmad, 7271 S. Quintero Street
Lorraine Jacobs, 7421 S. Telluride Court

There was lengthy discussion sparked by resident comments and the additional research done by Trustee Farreau and Mayor Jones. The Board agreed there is no consensus among residents or Board members and opted for more gathering of information and discussion regarding this complicated issue. Town Attorney Hoffmann noted that rodents have been declared a nuisance by state law and the Town has no responsibility for control on private property and no liability if they choose to pass an ordinance mandating control by landowners or residents.

#### Code Enforcement

Vanessa Guzman, 18149 E. Hinsdale Avenue, requested Code Enforcement to send Notices of Compliance rather than relying on no further notices of violations.

Bill Barnett, 7171 S. Richfield Street, said he gets too many notices for excess vehicles when his friends visit.

Mayor Jones and Trustee Thompson liked the idea of compliance notices and directed Town Clerk Gallivan to ask SAFEbuilt to produce these. Trustee Cockrell noted the code is very confusing and needs to be updated. Trustee Freas wants residents to be able to access their case information online.

### Reports

### Mayor

Mayor Jones reported there was little interest from the Foxfield Village Center tenants about a Town sign promoting their businesses, so that idea was dropped.

### **Members of the Town Board**

Trustee Thompson:

- Requested a date for the Fall Clean-Up
- Noted that residents could use more education on building permits and inquired about handouts

### Staff

Town Administrator Proctor reported that three businesses in Foxfield were awarded a total of \$50,000 in CARES Act funding.

Town Administrator Proctor also announced that IREA is working on the electrical design for the gates. Barring any unforeseen delays, the target date for installation is October.

# **Future Agenda Items**

Mayor Jones requested more discussion on prairie dogs and building permit procedures.

### **Executive Session**

At 8:55 p.m., Mayor Jones moved to go to an executive session to hold a conference with the Town's attorney to receive legal advice on specific legal questions regarding code enforcement, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b). The motion was seconded by Trustee Cockrell and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The executive session ended at 9:17 p.m.

# **Adjournment**

Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Randi Gallivan, Town Clerk

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Lisa Jones, Mayor